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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: Roger P. Jackson

For: ANTERIOR EXPANDABLE SPINAL FUSION CAGE SYSTEM

Enclosed are:

Abstract of the Disclosure (1 page) and
 53 Pages of Specification and Claims
 9 Sheets of drawings
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 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 37 C.F.R. 1.27
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VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
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As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the above-entitled invention described in:

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